

# AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

## AGENDA



Thursday, September 28, 2006

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### Health and Human Services RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No. 17

**Subject:** Authorize execution of a 12-month contract with AUSTIN FAMILIES, INC. dba FAMILYCONNECTIONS, Austin, TX to provide childcare services for families in crisis, in an amount not to exceed \$263,272, with three 12-month renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$263,272 per renewal option, for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,053,088.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$263,272 is available in the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department Special Revenue Fund, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The initial contract period for the contract will be October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2007. Renewal options subject to available funding and performance.

**Fiscal Note:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

#### Additional Backup Material

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Bridge Childcare  
Program – FY07

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**Boards and Commission Action:** March 14, 2006, Child Care Council recommendations regarding CDBG funding; July 18, 2006, Community Development Commission approval of the 2006-2007 Action Plan.

**Prior Council Action:** July 27, 2006, Approval of the 2006-2007 Action Plan.

## **BRIDGE CHILDCARE PROGRAM – FY07**

### **Background**

The Bridge Childcare Program contract with FamilyConnections will provide short-term childcare for low-income families in crisis. Eligible families include homeless or near-homeless families; families with an emergency such as hospitalization, incarceration, or death of a parent; families with disabled or medically fragile children who need respite care; and parents in substance abuse treatment programs. The Bridge Childcare Program coordinates childcare referrals with the families' case managers from other social service agencies. The case managers help the families move to a more stable situation. The 12-month contract period is from October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. Three (3) 12-month renewal options are provided, subject to available funding and performance.

A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was published in the *Austin American Statesman* on March 21 and March 28, 2006, requesting a letter of intent to compete for the contract. FamilyConnections, a nonprofit corporation, was the only agency to submit a letter of intent.

### **Performance Measures**

Departmental Goal: Prevention/Provision: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors and lifestyle among targeted populations.

<u>Outcomes/Outputs</u>	<u>Goals (est.)</u>
Percent of clients satisfied with childcare services (outcome)	98%
Number of children provided childcare services	196
Number of parents provided childcare services	127